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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners,

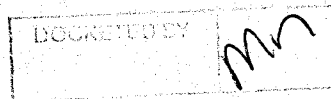
I have attached a copy of my comments for the record that were read at the hearing on Tuesday.

Again, thank you for bringing the hearing to Tucson, I never would have been able to make it to Phoenix.

Respectfully yours,  
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**Public Comment for Special Open Hearing**

**September 17, 2009**

Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners,

Thank you for holding a Special Open Hearing in Tucson to hear public comments,

My name is Gail Getzwiller and you may remember me from the proposed SSVEC 69 kV project in Sonoita, Arizona-Santa Cruz County. As a member of a small rural community that has ties to the Vail region through the past histories of the Empire Ranch owned by Walter Vail and other ranching associations I am here today to speak of my concerns about a few things.

I am a member of the SSVEC co-op. A member owned utility company that engages in transmission line planning in the Southeast Arizona Transmission Study group along with other utilities. We have experienced a lack of meaningful dialog between SSVEC and its members regarding local transmission line planning. This lack of responsiveness by the utility companies creates a situation where ratepayers, members and taxpayers are forced to spend vast resources of time and money to change and/or protect their communities.

In the Vail to Valencia case it is quite clear the project will be associated with many other projects in the area.

It only makes sense to create a Citizens Advisory Council to fulfill a role that has until now been excluded from the planning process. A Citizens Advisory Council is the most cost effective way to balance the needs of the environment against the best interest of the public.

Thank you,

Gail Getzwiller  
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